

HABS, PA, 51-PHILA, 302-

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia (51) PHILADELPHIA

STATE

COUNTY

TOWN or VICINITY

3p
1d*

STRUCTURE DREXEL INSTITUTE (DREXEL UNIVERSITY) (PA 1630)

*Caption page

NE cor. 32nd and Chestnut Sts. Museum. Buff brick with rusticated granite basement and terra cotta trim, approx. 200' (eleven-bay front) x 200', three and four stories on raised basement, flat roof, richly decorated giant arched entrance with terra cotta portrait medallions on intrados and statue of Genius of Knowledge on Keystone, giant

Card 1 of 3

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
CATALOGING INFORMATION

81-101b (3/78)

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

(PA-1630)

Ionic pilasters; spacious marble entrance hall and large multilevel arcaded central court open to skylight. Built 1890-91, Wilson Brothers and Co., architects; Charles McCaul, contractor; terra cotta by New York Architectural Terra Cotta Works; three-story buff brick and terra cotta Randell Hall built at east end 1901-02, Wilson Brothers and Co., architects; John R. Wiggins, contractor. Impressive interior space and exterior ornament on a notable late 19th c. academic building. Drexel Institute was founded 1890 by prominent banker and philanthropist

(PA-1630)

Card
3 of 3

Anthony J. Drexel to promote technical and vocational education, later known as Drexel Institute of Technology, name changed to Drexel University 1970. Houses Drexel Museum Collection. 2 ext. photos (1973); 1 photocopy of ca. 1902 architectural rendering.

Card Prepared 1979.